

October 23, 2006

Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear Commissioners:

I work with people who have all types of disabilities through the Center for Accessible Living. I believe the merger between BellSouth and AT&T will be good for Kentuckians with disabilities and ask for your quick approval of the merger.

I believe this merger will help deliver new and innovative technologies that will improve the lives of disabled Kentuckians. For the millions who are disabled, access to an array of telecommunications services is not a luxury; it is a necessity. From TTY and email to the unfolding benefits of Internet telephony and other new advances, telecommunications is enhancing the quality of life of persons with disabilities.

The merger of these two great companies will greatly speed the deployment of *affordable* and *universal* access to broadband technology, bringing about new innovations that can only enhance the lives of disabled Americans.

AT&T and BellSouth have a heritage of philanthropic giving to the disabled community. We know these companies have committed to maintain the strong level of support of their communities and philanthropy that have made BellSouth such a valuable corporate citizen in Kentucky.

I urge the Commission to expeditiously conclude its proceedings on this matter and approve the AT&T / BellSouth merger.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
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cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary